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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

News from Everywhere.

SIX HUNDRED Chinese men have returned to work at Rock Springs, W. T., under protection of United States troops.

It is now known that France lost 15,000 men in the Chinese campaign through wounds and disease. The Chinese loss was 100,000.

THE Board of Health of New Bedford, Mass., will quarantine all vessels from the British provinces on account of the small-pox in Canada.

THE State census of Wisconsin is now complete, and the total population of the State is shown to be 1,563,931, a gain over 1870 of twenty-one per cent.

A COMPANION of the expenditures in the seed division of the Agricultural Department shows a saving in contrast with last year of \$18,000 during July and August.

JAMES G. HOLMES, ejected from a first-class car and compelled to travel in a smoker on the Carolina Central Railway, has obtained a verdict of \$475 against the company.

STATISTICS just gathered show that the population of Ireland is under 5,000,000, and that the number of Irish and marriages is below the average of the previous ten years.

THE issue of standard silver dollars from the mints during the week ended September 5th was \$45,791. The issue during the corresponding period of last year was \$48,491.

THE Paris *Figaro* announces that Prince Napoleon in October will start on a tour of the world. He will spend three weeks in America, and then visit China, India, Persia and Russia.

WHILE the English provincial papers generally contain criticism of Vice-President Hendricks' speech at Indianapolis on the 8th, the London papers have not alluded to the matter.

THE monthly cotton report of the Agricultural Department was issued on the 10th. Advice of the department continues to show every reason to expect an exceptional cotton and corn crop.

INSTRUCTIONS have been given to the Postmaster at Montreal to furnish prior to dispatch all mails from his office for the United States, as requested by the United States postal authorities.

CAPE TOWN advises that Congo cannibals have attacked several stations of the African Association and roasted and devoured a number of whites. No further details have been received.

THE case of perjury against Lieutenant-Colonel Cochrane, 15th Infantry, of Fort Knapp, was disposed of at Miles City, Mont., on the 7th, before Judge John Connelley, the jury acquitting the defendant on the first vote.

THE Commissioners of Agriculture have determined to publish the monthly wheat and corn reports hereafter at noon instead of at 4 p. m., as heretofore. The change is in compliance with the petitions of Western Boards of Trade.

SOLICITOR-GENERAL GOODE has received a telegram announcing that the application for a writ of habeas corpus in the case of Hibbs, the defaulting Postmaster arrested in British Columbia, has been denied. He will be "called back."

CONSIDERABLE excitement has been created at Big Flat, in Chemung County, N. Y., by the discovery of a lead mine on a farm owned by Josiah Bennett. Work is going steadily forward, and it is believed that the find is a valuable one.

THE Archbishop of Quebec has issued a circular to his clergy calling their attention to a very special matter to the letter of Pope Leo XIII. to the Cardinal Archbishop of Paris on the evils arising from the discussion of religious questions in the press.

UNITED STATES CONSUL-GENERAL WILLIAMS at Havana, Cuba, has been directed to see that Cirilo Pueblo, of New York, who is in prison at Havana, has a fair and speedy trial. Pueblo is a Cuban, but some years since became a naturalized American.

THE Marine Hospital Bureau is informed through the Collector of Customs of El Paso that yellow fever is prevalent in the State of Sonora, Mex., and the request is made for the appointment of a medical inspector at Nogales. The collector was directed to appoint an inspector at once.

LIEUTENANT GEO. M. STONEY, commanding the expedition to Alaska, reports to the Secretary of the Navy, under date of July 17th, his arrival at Bethel Inlet on July 13th. He was to start on the day of writing with the larger part of his stores for the head waters of Putnam River.

SECOND COMPTROLLER MAYNARD has written a letter to Rear-Admiral Joutel in response to his protest against charging him with the amount expended in entertaining distinguished guests at New Orleans. Judge Maynard denies that law or precedent justify the expenditure from a contingent appropriation.

SURGEON MAJOR of the Marine Hospital service, has reported to the Surgeon-General at Washington details of a visit of inspection to Tampico, Mexico, and the results of his examination of the health of the border line, and of the progress of the epidemic of any kind from that quarter.

THE expulsion of foreigners from Germany and Austria continues. Hundreds of destitute Poles, expelled from Austria, are flocking into Warsaw and Cracow. According to the Austrian papers, over 35,000 more Poles will shortly be ejected by the Prussian authorities, among them 20,000 Austrian subjects and 1,000 of French.

THERE were 3,132 new cases of cholera and 619 deaths from the disease. The epidemic has increased in Barcelona, Cadix and Tarragona. There were sixteen deaths at Mers-el-Kebir and eight at Toulon from cholera on the 7th. Typhus and typhoid fevers are ravaging Marcellina with a violence scarcely less marked than the cholera itself.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

JAMES T. McINTOSH shot and fatally wounded his mother near Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 9th, while shooting at a cat.

PERSONAL correspondence between King Alfonso and Emperor William is clearing away the war cloud.

H. CLAY BARCOM was nominated for Governor by the New York Prohibition Convention at Syracuse.

THE German Government has prohibited the circulation in Germany of the *Tarnzeitung*, published in Milwaukee, Wis.

MORE troops have been asked for Rock Springs, W. T., as threats were made to release the rioters from jail.

THE quarterly statement of the Western Union Telegraph Company shows a surplus of \$4,430,393 after deducting \$1,469,842 with which to pay a dividend of 1-2 per cent.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN, in a speech at Washington, Eng., on the 8th, made such plain declarations of the Radical platform that he is denounced as Ireland's foe.

JESSE ALLARD, of Hot Springs, Ark., whose wife was taken away from him by her father, has sued the latter for \$30,000.

WHILE the reports first sent out of the storm in Ohio were somewhat exaggerated, the situation in the storm district is truly appalling.

THERE is a belief in diplomatic circles that the United States may be called upon to arbitrate between Germany and Spain in reference to the Caroline Islands.

ROW, WILSON, of Wyoming, and Col. J. Barnett, also of Wyoming, have been appointed assistant superintendents of the Yellowstone National Park at \$9,000 a year.

THE two men are old mountaineers, and are just the men that Superintending Walker West wanted.

HON. SCOTT LOUD, of New York, died at Morris Plains, N. J., on the 10th.

THE Bank of Ireland is receiving aid from the Bank of England.

LORD CARLISLE was banqueting by the Harbor Commissioners of Belfast, Ireland, on the 10th.

CHRISTIAN COOPER, aged 111 years, died at Livingston, Columbia County, N. Y., on the 10th.

PRINCE HENRY OF BATTENBERG has resigned his commission in the German army.

AN unsuccessful attempt was made at Westminster, on the 10th, to blow up the saloon of Neil & Bidwell.

THE schooner *Krie Wave* was capsized off Long Point, Ont., on the 10th, and two lives were lost.

CORNWALL, ex-Secretary of the general Post-office at Dublin, has been refused a pension.

A QUANTITIES of Canadian vessels has been ordered by the Boston Board of Health.

NUMEROUS disasters occurred on Lake Huron during the storm of the 8th and 9th.

ARCHBISHOP WALSH, in a public speech at Dublin, protested against depriving Catholic children of State aid in education.

BRAINARD, the Vermont bank President, who was kidnapped in Manitoba, escaped from the detectives at Minneapolis, on the 10th, and is supposed to be hiding in Winnipeg.

SULLIVAN-Ryan contest is off, Sullivan being unable to obtain the consent of the proprietors of *Lester & Allen's* minutes, with whom he is engaged.

HON. A. BINGHAM, ex-Minister to Japan, arrived at his old home in Calif., on the 10th, after an absence of thirteen years.

THE Mississippi Republicans will not permit a caucus this year.

THE Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce has appointed a committee to collect funds for the cyclone sufferers.

RESOLUTIONS on the death of General Grant were adopted by the Society of the Army of the Tennessee at Chicago.

SECRETARY BAYARD was informed by cable on the 10th, that cholera was prevalent at Shanghai, China.

MISS YAN ZHANG has been engaged to appear in opera at Moscow during the coming winter. She will receive \$500 for each performance.

GENERAL MILES, just returned from the Indian Territory, reports the cattle-men on the move, and all will be off the Cheyenne Reservation in a month.

THE Swatara took \$10,000,000 in silver from the New Orleans Mint to be converted North.

THE American steamer *Nederland*, at Antwerp, had eight feet of water in her engine room on the 11th.

THIS vessel wrecked off Two Rivers, Wis., was the scow *Milton*. Her entire crew were lost.

THERE was a small revolution among the soldiers in Madrid on the 11th, but it was soon suppressed.

THE international yacht race was again postponed on the 11th, the wind proving insufficient to carry the vessels over the course within the limit of seven hours.

ANOTHER start was to be made on the 12th. THERE has been no personal correspondence between King Alfonso and Emperor William since the Carolines affair.

THREE ladies were drowned in Lake Traverse, near Brown's Valley, Minn., on the 11th by the overturning of a rowboat.

MINISTER COX had an interview on the 11th with Said Pasha, Grand Vizier of Turkey, regarding the tariff laws.

CONGRESSMAN LITTLE, of Ohio, has issued an appeal for help for the Washington Court House cyclone sufferers.

THE reported signing of the protocol by Russia and Germany delimiting the Russo-Afghan frontier is confirmed.

THREE warehouses of the Milwaukee Cement Company, together with their contents, were destroyed by fire on the 11th.

JOHN C. DURAND, a silk manufacturer of Hoboken, N. J., was shot and probably mortally wounded on the 11th by Claude Stuvale.

MISS CLARA BARTON, of the Red Cross Society, New York, proposes to vote this fall, even if she has to take the voters' oath.

FRID. POFF, German, arrested for disorderly conduct at St. Paul, Minn., on the 11th, committed suicide in the municipal court-room by blowing his brains out with a revolver.

BIG BEAR was tried at Regina on the 11th, on a charge of treason-felony, and found guilty. Sentence deferred.

IT is understood that General Sheridan will return to Washington about October 1st, and that the new members of his staff will be arranged at once.

M. C. ROCKWELL, the ex-banker of Union, N. Y., and his clerk, D. J. Palmer, were arrested on the 11th, charged with larceny in the first degree in misappropriation of \$9,000. The complaint is made by Mrs. Livingston, a depositor.

SECRETARY BAYARD was informed by cable on the 11th that cholera was increasing in Palermo and Sicily generally.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL NELSON H. DAVIS will be placed on the retired list the 23rd inst. His successor, it is understood, will either be General Ryger Jones or General A. Baird. The former is the senior officer, but the latter is said to have the more brilliant record and stronger leadership.

IS the Holman murder case, at Morganfield, Ind., on the 11th, after a trial of a week, during which over 235 witnesses were examined, the jury after being out six hours, returned a verdict of manslaughter, and fixed Holman's punishment at ten years in the Penitentiary at hard labor.

TWO cases of small-pox were detected at the depot at Troy, N. Y., on the 11th. They were removed to the post-hospital. Quite a panic was caused among the waiting passengers when the announcement was made and they precipitately fled from the depot.

A MEETING of the employees of the Internal Revenue Bureau was held at Washington, D. C., on the 11th, to take suitable action in regard to the death of E. A. Rollins, formerly Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Appropriate resolutions were adopted.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

THE oil factory of Ewan & Finch, at New York, was destroyed by fire on the 11th.

AT Fresno, Cal., the winery and distillery of the Fresno vineyard was burned on the 12th.

TRADE prospects in England are reported brighter than for some time.

THE imports of merchandise at New York for the week ended the 12th were valued at \$6,192,253.

THE Spanish people are clamoring for a revolution.

CONCORD, MASS., celebrated the 25th anniversary of the incorporation of the town on the 12th.

MRS. E. A. CAMPBELL was killed by the accidental discharge of a pistol at Yonkers, N. Y., on the 12th.

AN effort is being made to form a union between the English Liberals and Irish Conservatives against Parnell.

RINDLE, ex-President of the defunct Penn Bank, at Pittsburgh, Pa., has been discharged from custody.

FRANCE is agitated over the discovery that German spies are haunting nearly all the fortified towns of the country.

SOUTHERN GLEANINGS.

On the Briarfield plantation Jefferson Davis will raise six hundred bales of cotton this year.

A woman in Logan County, Kentucky, takes her rest in batches of three days and nights sleep a time, and then keeps awake for a like period.

She is eighty years old.

IDA KATZER committed suicide near Leon Springs, Tex., a few days ago because her parents wanted her to marry a man named Proffar.

The elections in Anderson and Montague counties, Texas, were a Waterloo for the Prohibitionists.

During a fire at Waxahatchie, Tex., a few nights ago a trunk, thrown from a window, struck and it is thought fatally injured Mr. Winn Wilson.

Charles Williams, a negro, shot and killed Polk Mitchell, a street-car driver, at Chattanooga, Tenn., a few days since. The murderer was lynched.

Cotton has been damaged fully twenty per cent. in portions of Mississippi by the drouth, and many estimate the damage much greater.

MRS. H. C. HULAS, wife of a prominent contractor, was assaulted on the street in Chattanooga, Tenn., a few nights ago by a ruffian, who knocked her down and robbed her of her personals. She was painfully bruised. The assailant escaped.

John Hoffmann fatally stabbed a negro by the name of Harrison Gladstair at Hopkinsville, Ky., a few nights ago. The unfortunate man was almost disemboweled.

The slayer is in jail to await the action of the grand jury.

Allen Thompson, a negro living near Linden, Tex., lost his step-daughter to death with a club a few days ago. He had frequently beaten her, and fearing arrest therefor he concluded to kill her. Lynching was threatened.

The colored debating society in a Georgia town has been discussing the question, "Which Are the Most Useful to Society, Lawyers or Buzards?"

Abraham Pope, owner of a house at Rock Run, Ala., that he rented to a white man named Hart, a few days ago, while attempting to collect his rent, he and Hart became involved in a quarrel, and Hart set a rock with which he crushed Pope's skull. Hart escaped, but officers were in pursuit.

A horrible murder was committed a few nights ago at a colored church ten miles east of Canton, Miss. Leon Cookwell, a negro school-teacher, shot Aaron Maxwell, colored deacon, while the latter was kneeling with the congregation in prayer.

James Smith was fatally stabbed at Louisville, Ky., a few nights ago by his step-father, Harvey Clark. Smith and his mother had sold a calf, and Clark demanded the money. On being refused, he tried to shoot his wife. The son seized the gun, and in the struggle which ensued he was stabbed three times by Clark.

Several weeks ago Mrs. E. R. Tennant, of Marietta, Ga., was tendered and accepted the place of Superintendent of Women's Work at the New Orleans Exposition, the place formerly held by Julia Ward Howe. She publishes a card resigning the position, assigning as a reason: "My husband is opposed to it, and I live it in deference to his wishes."

Fifty years ago Elton Johnson, a colored woman, was separated from her mother at Louisville, Ky., the latter being half blind and hearty. She is 112 years old and the daughter sixty years old. Living in the house with Mrs. Ellen Johnson are her great-grandchildren. This makes them great-grand-grandchildren of Mrs. Johnson's mother, the latter being the great-grand-grandmother, and the great-grandmother, the grandmother, mother and children all assembled in the same room a few days since.

A double tragedy resulting in the mortal wounding of two persons occurred at Atlanta, Ga., a few nights ago. Miss Ida Maxwell eloped with John Shelton and married him at his mother's, whether he was followed by the girl's father and brother, or whether the father and brother were about to shoot at Shelton when the latter brained young Maxwell with a hatchet. He then fired at the old man and he fell mortally wounded.

A suit was decided at Charlotte, N. C., a few days ago, in the Superior Court involving points of interest to the general public. In January, 1883, James G. Holmes, late of Charleston, and now of Baltimore, was ejected from the only first-class passenger car of a train on the Carolina Central Railway, and forced to ride for some hours in a car filled with tobacco smoke. He claimed damages in the sum of \$3,000 and a jury awarded him \$175.

New Orleans has a building boom.

The railway tank at the Longview (Tex.) Junction not working properly a few days since, Charles Hunter, an employe of the road-house, was sent up to put it in proper order. Slipping, he was drowned before assistance could arrive.

After investigating the reports of immoral conduct in Cincinnati of Rev. James G. Armstrong, rector of St. Philip's Church of Atlanta, Ga., the vestry passed a resolution to the effect that the facts did not warrant a withdrawal of confidence in him. He has resumed his duties.

ST. LOUIS' PRIDE.

Opening of the Great Exposition For Its Second Season—A Display of Rare Grandeur and Extent—Twenty Thousand People Attracted by Their Presence Their Interest in the Enterprise.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., September 10.—The opening of the Exposition last night was a surprise to everybody. The sky was filled with heavy clouds that indicated a wet night; the atmosphere was damp and chilly and the night was considered anything but favorable to a large-outpouring of sight-seers. No one supposed that there would be more than a thousand or fifteen hundred persons present, but when at seven o'clock the crowd began to pour into the building at all the entrances, it was evident that the attendance would be beyond all expectations. The impression prevailed to a great extent that the show would open in an unfinished condition, and that it would be better to wait for two or three days before going; thousands undoubtedly stayed away last night on this account, but it was estimated that fully 20,000 people attended between seven and half past nine o'clock. At times the aisles on the main floor were blocked by the crowd and it was almost impossible to move backward or forward, and the same thing was of frequent occurrence in the galleries. The crowd was very good-natured, however, and seemed contented with such glimpses of the exhibit as could be obtained at intervals when the masses of humanity were in motion.

Another surprise was the condition of the displays. On Monday and Tuesday it was freely predicted that only ones that the Exposition would open with only half a show and the other half of the exhibits would be in a confused and partially finished state. Up to yesterday morning the outlook was indeed discouraging. It seemed as if more than half of the exhibits were in such a state that it would be impossible to make them presentable by night. The aisles were littered with shavings and debris of all sorts or partially blocked by boxes, lumber and rubbish, and many of the cases were closely wrapped with muslin, shutting out all view of the inside where the trimmers were at work. But yesterday afternoon the sweepers were set at work, the aisles were cleared and cleaned, and before dark a striking transformation took place. When the doors were thrown open for the admission of the public in the evening, the brilliant blaze of the electric light revealed a scene full of beauty and grandeur. With not more than three or four exceptions, every exhibit in the building was finished, with the exception, perhaps, of a few minor details, which would not add very materially to the general result, and the crowd witnessed a display which utterly eclipsed that of last year in the matters of both quantity and magnitude. In point of magnitude it is a satisfactory surprise to everybody, and one has but to stroll leisurely through the building examining carefully each exhibit to get an idea of what a vast exhibition it is. It is too large to see thoroughly in one or even two days, and it seems as if one could spend a week there and still not see all there is to be seen.

It is also a noticeable fact that the local exhibitors have been much more liberal in their displays this year than they were last, and evidences of lavish expenditure are visible everywhere. They have evidently satisfied themselves that a rich and extensive display is a good investment, and have acted accordingly.

ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE.

Annual Reunion of the Society of the Army of the Tennessee at Chicago, Ill., and Selected as the Next Place of Meeting.

CHICAGO, Ill., September 10.—The annual reunion of the officers of the Army of the Tennessee began its session at Haverly's Ministerial Theater, yesterday morning. About three hundred members were in attendance. At eleven o'clock General Chalmers, President of the local society, called the meeting to order. General Sherman, President of the society, was then formally introduced. Governor Oglesby of Illinois, Governor Sherman of Iowa, Governor Alger of Michigan and ex-Governor Fletcher of Missouri were called for and took their places at the back of the stage.

At this moment General Logan entered the hall. Every one rose to his feet and a shout went up that shook the hall. The General took his seat on the stage with the other distinguished men. General Sherman, General Logan, General Fallow, Governor Oglesby and General Greenliff were appointed a committee to draft resolutions on the death of General Grant. Mrs. General Grant was made a substitute member to take her husband's place in the society. A great honor was accorded the widow of General Grant. J. Wright and Captain Josiah Harboer, both of Ohio.

The regrets of Governor Rusk were read, and also a dispatch from Hong Kong, signed "Pittman"—an old British officer, which suggested that the society pass suitable resolutions to the memory of "Grant and Gordon, the two greatest soldiers the world has ever produced."

The committee on time and place of the next meeting decided upon Rock Island, Ill., as the place, and September 15th and 16th, 1886, as the dates.

A CUTE THIEF.

BOSTON, Mass., September 10.—George S. Billison, the letter carrier, who was arrested Tuesday charged with robbing the mails, was examined yesterday, and held in \$1,500 for trial. His alleged method was adroit and original. Letters are frequently thrown by mistake into the wrong route pile. The letter carriers are accustomed to sort out and return for distribution. Billison, it is said, stole no letters belonging to his pile, but only those improperly placed there, thus casting suspicion on other men. Billison's confinement was found on a stolen note, and he was caught by means of a decoy letter.

A Fever-Stricken Craft.

NEW YORK, September 9.—The brig *A. Regina*, arrived yesterday from Cayenne, South America. Captain Keene, of Prospect, Maine, died on board on August 14th, and was buried at sea. On August 17th, an Italian seaman died, and his death was followed on the next day by that of the Italian mate Tortorella Domenico. On August 20th, another seaman died, and on September 3d, another. The brig now lies at quarantine with two men sick on board. The cause of death is reported to have been yellow fever.

THE CROPS.

Gleanings From the Monthly Report of the Department of Agriculture—The Movement of Spring Wheat in the Northwest—An Overstock of Flour and Little Outside Demand.

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 10.—The September cotton report of the Department of Agriculture shows the prevalence of hot and dry weather during August except in Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida. A shedding of bolls and a decrease of vitality have resulted quite generally. The drought has been serious in Texas and Arkansas and quite general in Western Tennessee, Southern Alabama, Georgia and the Carolinas. The caterpillar has caused much damage in Southern Texas and Arkansas and in Central and Southern Alabama. Its prevalence is noted throughout Central and Southern Georgia, with small effect, as yet. The boll worm is causing much damage in the black belt of Alabama, and in Arkansas and Texas. The condition of the crop has declined in every State. The average is 87 against 96.1-2 in August. Last year it was 82 in September and 87 in August. The present average is two points above the September average of ten years. The figures for the several States are as follows:

Alabama.....85
Arkansas.....82
California.....88
Colorado.....87
Florida.....86
Georgia.....85
Illinois.....88
Indiana.....87
Iowa.....89
Kansas.....88
Kentucky.....87
Louisiana.....86
Maine.....89
Maryland.....88
Massachusetts.....89
Michigan.....87
Minnesota.....88
Mississippi.....85
Missouri.....88
Montana.....87
Nebraska.....86
Nevada.....89
New Hampshire.....89
New Jersey.....89
New Mexico.....87
New York.....88
North Carolina.....86
North Dakota.....87
Ohio.....88
Oklahoma.....87
Oregon.....89
Pennsylvania.....89
Rhode Island.....89
South Carolina.....86
South Dakota.....87
Tennessee.....87
Texas.....85
Vermont.....89
Virginia.....88
Washington.....88
West Virginia.....88
Wisconsin.....88
Wyoming.....87

General plants are vigorous and capable, with favorable autumn weather, of an ample growth and development. In the districts most infested with cotton worms the loss is irreparable and still threatening.

SPRING WHEAT.

The condition of spring wheat has been impaired since the 1st of August. It is northward, the district of principal production. Heavy rains were followed by extreme heat between the first and middle of August, just before harvest, shriveling grain and causing rust. Heavy wind storms prostrated and injured large areas. In Nebraska there is some complaint of smut and a little in Dakota. The chinch bugs have done some damage in Wisconsin and Minnesota. The injury was greater in August than in July. The averages are:

For Wisconsin, 77, a loss of 8 points.
Minnesota, 75, a loss of 5.
Dakota, 96, a loss of 4.
Iowa, 88, a loss of 3.
Northern New England, Colorado and the Territories are nearly all or quite up to 100. The general average for all spring wheat is 86.1-2, against 95 in August. The crop of last year was 156,000,000 bushels.

WINTER WHEAT.

Returns of winter wheat are almost identical in results with those of July. There is a slight advance in Michigan, Texas, Maryland and some other States, and a point or two of decrease in several. The general average is 65.8-9, against 65 in July. Except as the result of threshing may change present expectations, the winter wheat area may be placed at 217,000,000 bushels, and the remaining area about 134,000,000. If injuries reported in the stack should prove to be greater than at present apparent, a few millions of reduction might still accrue.

CORN.

The condition of corn still continues high, ranging from 90 to 100 in State averages. The general average is 95, against 96 in August. It was last year 94 in September. Frosts have wrought very little injury, and will be capable of little if deferred ten days. The prospect is still favorable for a crop slightly above an average.

MOVEMENT OF THE SPRING WHEAT CROP IN THE NORTHWEST.

ST. PAUL, MINN., September 10.—The movement of the spring wheat crop in the Northwest has just begun. In the Northern Pacific country, where the heaviest movement comes early, farmers are borrowing money with which to build granaries on their farms, and it is likely that less grain will be stored in elevators this year than hitherto. The Northern Pacific Elevator Company is lending the farmers money on their crops and allowing them to keep the grain on their farms, the only condition being that the company shall be allowed the first chance to buy the grain when the farmers get ready to sell. Other companies are also lending money, and farmers are able to get all they want on reasonable terms. This will have a decided effect on prices, as it enables the farmer to hold his wheat until he is ready to sell.

The movement of the crop so far has been very light, threshing has not advanced sufficiently to give a correct idea of the yield. Reports are generally disappointing to those who have claimed a full crop. Threshing has been delayed by recent heavy rains. A large amount of No. 1 hard wheat was sold at Minneapolis last week at about eighty cents, and was all bought for local millers.

The flour market is in a very bad way. For the past three months the production has been less than ever before in the same time, but prices have steadily declined. The idle mills start up again next week, and the production will be very largely increased. What will be done with the flour nobody knows, as there is absolutely no demand for the small amount now being made except the low grade. The capacity of the mills is 160,000 barrels per week.

CHINESE MOBBED BY INDIANS AND WHITES.

SEATTLE, WY. T., September 10.—Monday night thirteen miles east of here a mob of Indians headed by white men attacked a party of Chinese hop-pickers with clubs and stones, killing two of them and wounding four. In former years Indians exclusively had been hired to pick hops, but this year one firm hired Chinamen, which caused the outbreak. The Chinese were warned to leave, but refused to do so.

THE AFFAIRS OF THE SUBSIDIZED RAILROADS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 11.—Assistant Secretary Jenks of the Interior Department is devoting considerable attention to the affairs of the subsidized Pacific Railroads. A single annual report, in his opinion, is inadequate for supplying the department with full and comprehensive particulars of the financial condition of the roads. Quarterly reports, he says, should be made, showing not only the earnings and expenditures of the roads, but also the amount of rolling stock and other property belonging to the road.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Preparing For the Elections in England—The Method of Formulating Party Issues—Irish and Irish Antagonism Taking a Prominent Position—Both Liberals and Tories Conquering With the Parnellites.

LONDON, September 13.—November 14th having been selected for polling-day, the manifestos of political leaders are next in order. In this country, in the place of political platforms by conventions, there are addresses by party chiefs. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, as the representative of the orthodox conservatism in the elective chamber, may be expected to lead the dance, unless Lord Randolph Churchill, illness notwithstanding, should happen to be first